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1. At the end of January 1952, as soon as the severe winter period was over, the following expansion works were begun on the railway station of Miskolc and the surrounding area.

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- a. The Miskolc marshaling yard ("A" on sketch 1):

The shunting track was to be lengthened, more exits were to be built from the locomotive shed, the rail bed of some tracks near the locomotive shed would be reinforced, and some tracks changed. The tracks to be added were expected to increase the shunting capacity.

- b. A second track was to be constructed between the Miskolc marshaling yard and Miskolc Gümöri Station ("B" on sketch 1).

- c. The passenger station (sketch 2) would be lengthened and widened towards Felsözsolca (see "c" on sketch No. 1 and "b" on sketch No. 2). The track leading to the water works on the banks of the Sajó River was to be laid about 100 meters northward on account of the expansion works in this area.

- d. Double tracks were to be laid between the Miskolc passenger and the Miskolc Gümöri station delta line ("D" on sketch 1).

- e. The Miskolc Gümöri station was to be lengthened and widened in a northern and eastern direction ("E" on sketch No. 1).

- f. Construction was begun on a new delta line connecting the streetcar line between the Miskolc passenger station and the Diegyar factory area to the Miskolc Gümöri station ("F" on sketch No. 1).

- g. It is planned to connect the streetcar line mentioned above (para. f.) to the expanded part of the Miskolc passenger station ("G" on sketch No. 1).

- h. The single track streetcar line ("H" on sketch No. 1), which was used at times by small freight cars, will be reinforced and double-tracked. It is already electrified and there are some by-pass sections.

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2. The following other construction works are under way:

- a. Wooden barracks for workers. At least 1500 workers were to be employed in order to complete the program in 1952.
- b. Two thirds of the streetcar line "H" was reinforced and double tracked. This project was carried out as follows:
 - 1). In the fall of 1951 a stretch of 3 km. between Diósgyőr and the Miskolc narrow gauge station was reinforced and double tracked.
 - 2). During the winter of 1951-52 the works were completed up to Szent Anna Square in Miskolc.
 - 3). The last section between Szent Anna Square and Miskolc passenger station is under construction. An underground passage will be built ("H" on sketch 1) in order to avoid delay caused by the trains at the level crossing.

3. In 1951 the streetcar company obtained 12 electric freight locomotives for freight traffic after rush hours.

1. ☐ Comment. There have been rumors for some time that Miskolc would eventually become the second transloading station between the USSR and Hungary. No mention of this project is made in this report.
2. ☐ Comment. The expansions listed above are necessitated for the following reasons:
 - a. Miskolc ranging station has no adequate capacity for war-time traffic.
 - b. Should the Miskolc ranging station be out of action for any reason, the traffic from the Diósgyőr industrial area could be diverted if the present construction project is being carried through.
 - c. A good connecting line was needed between the coke and iron-ore dump at Miskolc-North and the factory area, without passing through the Miskolc marshaling yard (i.e., the line leading north to Sajóecseg).

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Key to sketch No.1: Railway constructions around Miskole.

- A. The Miskole marshaling yard.
- B. Second track under construction.
- C. Expanding works at Miskole passenger station.
- D. Double-tracking of the delta line.
- E. Expansion of the Miskole Gumbri station.
- F. New delta line under construction.
- G. New connecting line.
- H. The Miskole electrically-operated streetcar line.
- Hi. Scheduled subway for the streetcar line to avoid level-crossing with the railway line.

Key to sketch No.2: The Passenger Station.

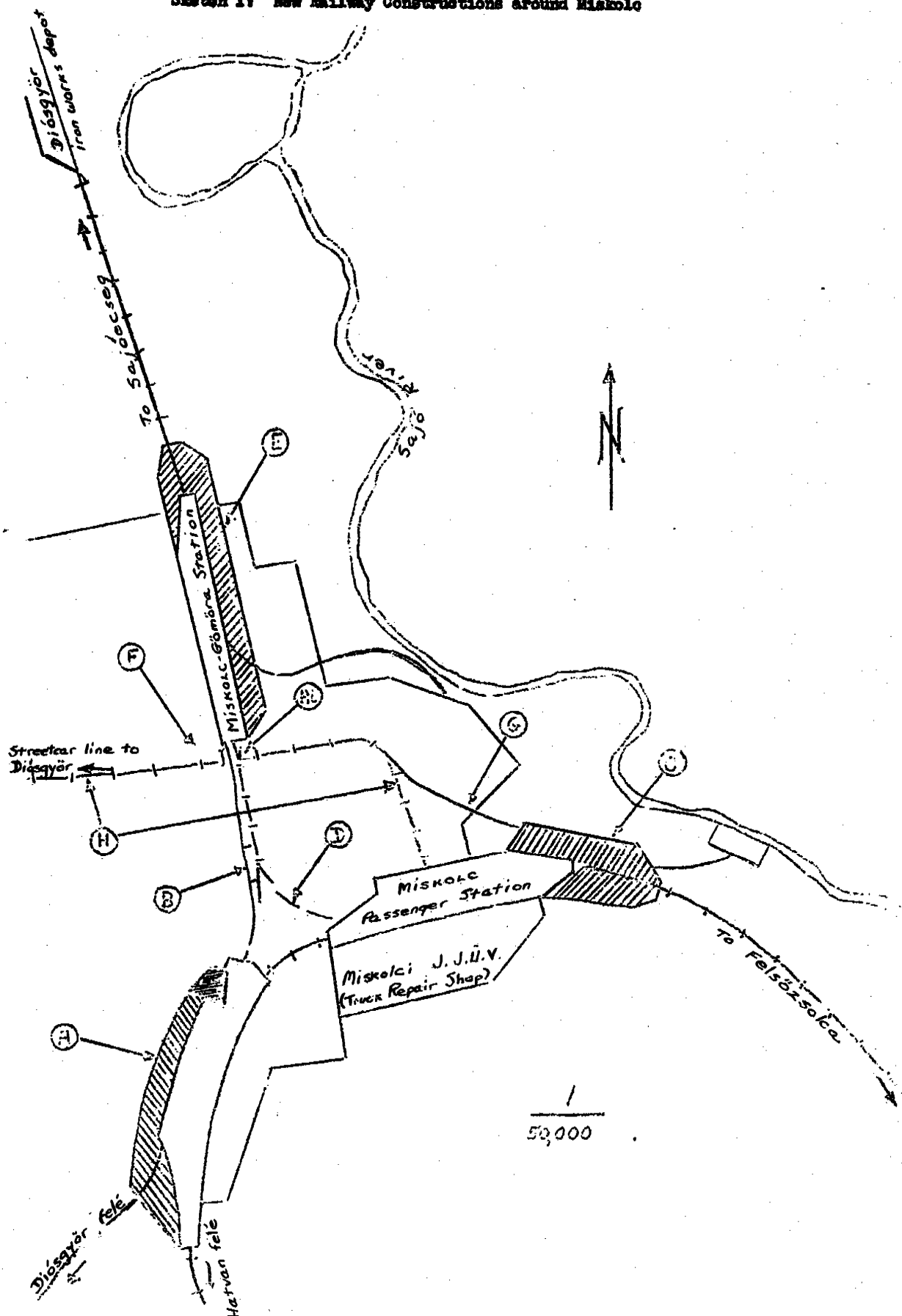
- # 12 - the points with official numeration.
- 15 - track numbers (official).
- I-IV - major tracks (receiving trains).
- a) - a second track under construction.
- b) - the area of the expansion works.

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Sketch 1: New Railway Constructions around Miskolc



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Sketch 2: The Miskelo Passenger Station.

